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**(229) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-40881-2025

Date of decision : 27.11.2025

BALJINDER SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Gurnoor Singh Sethi, Advocate for the petitioner

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab

MANISHA BATRA, J.

1. The petitioner is seeking indulgence of this Court for grant of regular bail in case arising out of FIR No.446 dated 09.10.2024 registered under Section 22 of NDPS Act, 1985 at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala on the allegations that on the basis of a secret information, the petitioner alongwith the co-accused was apprehended on 09.10.2024 and 950 loose intoxicant tablets were recovered from their conscious possession. They were formally arrested. On disclosure statement of the petitioner and co-accused, Ramandeep Kaur was nominated as an additional accused. Offence under Section 29 of NDPS Act was added. As per the FSL Report, the tablets were found to be

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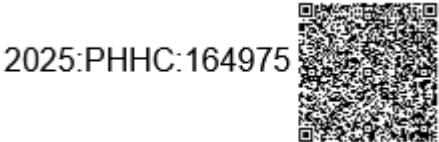
containing “**Alprazolam**” salt and the same was weighing 131.1 Gram i.e. commercial quantity. Investigation now stands completed.

2. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. A false recovery has been planted. No recovery from his conscious possession has been effected. He is in custody since long. The trial will take considerable time to conclude. No useful purpose would be served by his continued detention. His involvement in another case cannot be considered to be a reason for denying the benefit of bail to him. It is therefore, urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

3. Per contra, learned State Counsel has argued that there are serious allegations against the petitioner. Commercial quantity of contraband was recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner and the co-accused. The rigours of Section 37 of NDPS Act are attracted in this case. It is, therefore, argued that the petition does not deserve to be extended benefit of bail.

4. This court has heard the rival submissions made by both the parties.

5. The petitioner alongwith the co-accused had been found in conscious possession of commercial quantity of contraband. The allegations prima facie make out a case attracting the rigours of Section 37 of NDPS Act. The petitioner has clean antecedents. The trial has been going on at a proper pace and there is nothing on record to show that there would be any undue delay in conclusion of the same. Taking



into consideration the above discussed facts, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petition does not deserve to be allowed at this stage. Accordingly, the same is dismissed.

6. It is however, clarified that the observations made above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion of this Court on the merits of the case.

27.11.2025
Amit Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE